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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116 - EXPEDITED
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PATENT

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Applicant(s): Hanley, Jr.
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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION
PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated October 20, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.